

Date of meeting: 23 May 2024

Place of meeting: Dakar, Senegal and online

**Joint Committee of the Joint Crediting Mechanism
between Senegal and Japan
First Meeting**

Meeting Report

Agenda item 1. Opening

Mr. Fode FALL, Secretary General of the Ministry of the Environment and Ecological Transition, the head of the Senegalese side, opened the first meeting of the Joint Committee (JC) of the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) and gave opening remarks, highlighting the cooperation between the two governments; cooperation based on the protection of vulnerable groups, protection of the environment, the fight against climate change among other areas of intervention.

Mr. IZAWA Osamu, Ambassador of Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of Senegal, Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Senegal, the head of the Japanese side, gave opening remarks, highlighting the quality of Senegalese-Japanese cooperation. Such cooperation covers several areas such as the response to the effects of climate change among others. Indeed, Japan, aiming to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 46 to 50% by 2030 (with 2013 as the reference period), has adopted a dynamic cooperative approach to meet its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). As a result, the purpose of the Joint Committee meeting constitutes “a major subject” that he would even like to share with the higher authorities of the government during an upcoming hearing.

Table: Attendance

JC Members from Senegalese side	
Ms. Madeleine Diouf SARR	Ministry of the Environment and Ecological Transition
Mr. Papa Lamine DIOUF	Ministry of the Environment and Ecological Transition
Mr. Bonifce CACHEU	Ministry of the Environment and Ecological Transition
Mr. Pierre SENE	Ministry of the Environment and Ecological Transition
Mr. Libasse BA	National Committee on Climate Change / Enda Energie
Mr. El Hadji Mbaye DIAGNE	National Committee on Climate Change / Afrique - Energie - Environnement
Mr. Ousmane Fall SARR	National Committee on Climate Change

Mr. Magueye NGOM	Ministry of Finance and Budget
Dr. Diomaye DIENG	Ministry of Urban Planning, Territorial Collectivities and Regional Development
Mr. Samuel TABANE	Ministry of Commerce, Consumer Affairs and SMEs
Mr. Alla DIOUCK	Ministry of Infrastructure, Land and Air Transport
Observers from Senegalese side	
Mr. Mbaye DIOP	Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Livestock
Mr. Mairame NDIAYE	Ministry of Livestock and Animal Production
JC Members from Japanese side	
Mr. HIROSE Shinichi	Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Senegal
<i>Dr. MIZUNO Yuji (Alternate)</i>	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
<i>Mr. KIMURA Norihiro</i>	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
Ms. UGA Maiko (Alternate)	Ministry of the Environment
Mr. OGAWA Hiroto	Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Senegal
Mr. ASAKA Yuki	Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Senegal
Observers from Japanese side	
Mr. TAKESHITA Goshi	Ministry of the Environment
<i>Mr. KOIZUMI Naoki</i>	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
<i>Mr. MIZUNO Kohei</i>	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
<i>Mr. KUDO Shunsuke</i>	Ministry of the Environment
<i>Mr. TAKAHASHI Kentaro</i>	Ministry of the Environment
Mr. MASUDA Shogo	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
Ms. Aïssatou NDIAYE	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
<i>Mr. Alexandru CEBAN</i>	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
Mr. TAKAHASHI Hiroshi	Global Environment Centre Foundation
Ms. KASAHARA Nami	Global Environment Centre Foundation

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Agenda item 1.1 Brief presentation of JCM

The Japanese side explained the overview of the JCM.

Agenda item 1.2 Rules of Procedures for the Joint Committee

The JC considered the draft “Joint Crediting Mechanism Rules of Procedures for the Joint Committee” including the draft “Conflict of Interest Declaration Form”. The point raised focused on:

- the need to include French among the working languages of the Committee;

The element of response to the question is broken down as follows:

- The possibility of translating certain important documents into French is possible. On the other hand, the working language remains English.

After these discussions, the JC adopted them as contained in Annexes 1 and 1.1 to this meeting report.

Agenda item 2. Organizational matters

Agenda item 2.1 Appointment of Co-Chairs

The Senegalese side appointed Ms. Madeleine Diouf SARR as the Senegalese Co-Chair, and the Japanese side appointed Mr. HIROSE Shinichi as the Japanese Co-Chair. The Co-Chairs jointly serve the JC of the JCM between Senegal and Japan.

Agenda item 2.2 Attendance

The JC consented to the participation of the attendees who were other than governmental officials at this JC meeting based on confirmation of the Conflict of Interest Declaration Forms submitted by the attendees.

Agenda item 2.3 Establishment of the JC secretariat

The JC established the JC secretariat. The Japanese side nominated Mitsubishi UFJ Research and Consulting Co., Ltd. to serve as the JC secretariat from the Japanese side. The Senegalese side nominated Mr. Papa Lamine DIOUF, Mr. Pierre SENE and Mr. Bonifece CACHEU, to serve as the JC secretariat from the Senegalese side.

Agenda item 2.4 Adoption of the agenda

The JC adopted the agenda of the meeting.

Agenda item 3. Rules and guidelines

The JC considered the draft version of the following documents. The points raised focused on:

- the need to align the rules and procedures of the JCM with those currently developed by Senegal as part of its procedures manual;
- regarding the approval of methodologies, the eligibility of international standards, such as Gold Standard (GS), Verra, and Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), should be considered;
- the consideration of sustainable development criteria with appropriate tools is established;
- the need to strengthen the capacity of local actors to better participate in the JCM is

mentioned. This capacity building concerns both the private sector and the members of the JC;

- the possibility, for each government, of creating its own methodology with the related procedures, steps, and standards;
- the possible existence of a Methodological Panel that could support the JC in approving these methodologies was raised;
- the clarification of verification and validation standards and procedures is discussed; and
- the possibility of a Senegalese company applying to become a DOE.

The elements of response to these questions are broken down as follows:

- Currently, the JCM does not allow the use of methodologies of other standards, such as GS, Verra, and CDM;
- The JCM is more conservative and simplified than the CDM and other standards;
- The simplified checklist for Sustainable Development criteria in the Sustainable Development Implementation Plan/Report Forms, which must be reviewed/evaluated by the secretariat and JC;
- Capacity building at the national level and for the Joint Committee members is possible. It will then be necessary to discuss the contents of this training package in depth.
- There is no panel for reviewing methodologies, but a panel can be established if necessary;
- A Senegalese company can apply to become a Third-Party Entity responsible for validation/verification if it meets the criteria described in the Guidelines for Designation as a Third-Party Entity;

After these discussions, the JC adopted them as contained in the annexes to this meeting report:

- Rules of Implementation for the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) ([Annex 2](#));
- Joint Crediting Mechanism Project Cycle Procedure and 15 forms related to the procedure ([Annex 3 and Annexes 3.1 to 3.15](#));
- Joint Crediting Mechanism Guidelines for Developing Proposed Methodology ([Annex 4](#));
- Joint Crediting Mechanism Guidelines for Developing Project Design Document and Monitoring Report ([Annex 5](#));
- Joint Crediting Mechanism Guidelines for Developing Sustainable Development Implementation Plan and Report ([Annex 6](#));
- Joint Crediting Mechanism Guidelines for Designation as a Third-Party Entity ([Annex 7](#));
- Joint Crediting Mechanism Guidelines for Validation and Verification ([Annex 8](#));
- Common Specifications of the JCM Registry ([Annex 9](#));
- Joint Crediting Mechanism Glossary of Terms ([Annex 10](#)).

Agenda item 4. Project Idea Note (PIN) of a planned JCM project

The JC considered the Project Idea Note (PIN) of a planned JCM project, SN_PIN001 “High-efficiency Cookstove Project”, which was submitted on 24 April 2024, and decided that it has no objection to the project. The JC discussed the credit allocation proposed by the project participants and recognized that they need to develop a draft methodology and obtain approval from the JC to calculate the amount of credits to be issued. It was decided by the JC to respect the Senegalese procedure currently applied, including the development of a project idea note, the monitoring of a detailed project document and the issuance of authorization. At the end of this process, the JC will discuss the terms of distribution of carbon credits. Furthermore, the JC noted that the no-objection is not an authorization referred to in Article 6.3 of the Paris Agreement.

Agenda item 5. Japan’s support for the JCM partner countries

The Japanese side explained the financing programmes for the JCM (the JCM model projects, the JCM F-gas recovery and destruction model projects, JCM support programme by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization), the project development and outreach activities. The Japanese side also explained the JCM promotion scheme, the JCM feasibility study, and the JCM demonstration projects.

Agenda item 6. Other matters

The Japanese side explained the institutional arrangements for the Article 6 implementation in Japan. The Senegalese side shared the status of its institutional arrangements.

Agenda item 7. Conclusion of the Meeting

The Co-Chairs gave closing remarks and closed the meeting.

Annexes to the report

- Annex 1 Joint Crediting Mechanism Rules of Procedures for the Joint Committee
 - Annex 1.1 Conflict of Interest Declaration Form
- Annex 2 Rules of Implementation for the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM)
- Annex 3 Joint Crediting Mechanism Project Cycle Procedure
 - Annex 3.1 Project Idea Note for JCM Project
 - Annex 3.2 JCM Modalities of Communication Statement Form
 - Annex 3.3 JCM Assessment of Reference Emissions Request Form
 - Annex 3.4 JCM Validation Report Form
 - Annex 3.5 JCM Percentage of Credit Allocation Form
 - Annex 3.6 JCM Project Registration Request Form
 - Annex 3.7 JCM Project Implementation Report Form
 - Annex 3.8 JCM Verification Report Form
 - Annex 3.9 JCM Credits Issuance Request Form
 - Annex 3.10 JCM Renewal of Crediting Period Request Form
 - Annex 3.11 JCM Approved Methodology Revision Request Form
 - Annex 3.12 JCM Post-Registration Changes Request Form
 - Annex 3.13 JCM Project Withdrawal Request Form
 - Annex 3.14 JCM Registration Request Withdrawal Form
 - Annex 3.15 JCM Issuance Request Withdrawal Form
- Annex 4 Joint Crediting Mechanism Guidelines for Developing Proposed Methodology
- Annex 5 Joint Crediting Mechanism Guidelines for Developing Project Design Document and Monitoring Report
- Annex 6 Joint Crediting Mechanism Guidelines for Developing Sustainable Development Implementation Plan and Report
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Table: Attendees who submitted the Conflict of Interest Declaration Form

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